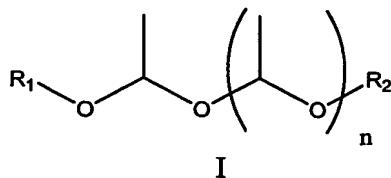


Claims

1. An acetaldehyde precursor according to formula I



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wherein R₁ and R₂ are selected such that both are -CH₂CH₃, or both are linear, branched or cyclic alkyl, aryl, alcohol or sugar residues, and n=1-10, with the proviso that, when R₁ and R₂ are selected such that both are -CH₂CH₃, n=1, 2, 3 or 4.

10 2. An acetaldehyde precursor according to claim 1 wherein n is 1, 2 or 3 and R₁ and R₂ are both -CH₂CH₃.

3. An acetaldehyde precursor according to claim 1 wherein n is 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10 and the linear, branched or cyclic alkyl, aryl, alcohol or sugar residues are water-soluble.

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4. Use of an acetaldehyde precursor according to any one of claims 1-3 as a flavoring or fragrance agent.

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5. Use of an acetaldehyde precursor according to any one of claims 1-3 as a component of a flavoring or fragrance formulation.

6. A flavor or a fragrance formulation comprising an acetaldehyde precursor according to any one of claims 1-3.

25 7. A consumable product comprising an acetaldehyde precursor according to any one of claims 1-3.

8. A flavor or fragrance composition according to claim 6 wherein the acetaldehyde precursor is one in which n= 1, n=2 or n=3, and R₁ and R₂ both -CH₂CH₃.

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9. A consumable product according to claim 7 wherein the acetaldehyde precursor is one in which n= 1, n=2 or n=3, and R₁ and R₂ both -CH₂CH₃.